

XI. Spiritual Joy.

PSALM 16.

- M.* Preserve, O God ! for to Thee do I look for help.
- C.* I have said to The Lord, Thou art my Lord ; I have
no happiness beyond Thee !
The holy that are in the land, and the excellent,—
in them is all my delight.
They who hasten after false gods shall have multiplied sorrows.
The Lord is my portion and my cup ; Thou wilt maintain my lot !
My portion hath fallen to me in pleasant places ;
yea, I have a goodly inheritance.
I will bless the Lord, who careth for me ; yea, in the night my heart admonisheth me.
I set the Lord before me at all time ; since He is at my right hand, I shall not fall.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth ;
yea, my flesh dwelleth in security.
For Thou wilt not give me up to the underworld ;
nor wilt Thou suffer Thy holy one to see the corruption.
Thou wilt show me the path of life ; in Thy presence is fulness of joy ; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

XII. Self-examination and Resolve.

PSALM 17 and 101.

- M.* Hear the righteous cause, O Lord ! attend to my cry ;
give ear to my prayer from lips without deceit !
- C.* May my sentence come forth from Thy presence ;
may Thy eyes behold uprightness !

Provest Thou my heart, visitest Thou me in the
night, triest Thou me like gold, Thou shalt
find nothing !

My thoughts do not vary from my lips, as to the
deeds of men,

Through the word of Thy lips I have kept me from
the paths of the destroyer.

Support my steps in Thy paths, that my feet may
not slip !

I call upon Thee, O God ! for Thou wilt hear me ;
incline Thy ear to me, and listen to my
prayer !

Show forth Thy lovingkindness, O Thou that savest
by Thy right hand, those that seek refuge in
Thee from their adversaries !

Guard me as the apple of the eye · hide me under
the shadow of Thy wings.

I will sing of mercy and justice ; to Thee, O Lord !
I will sing !

I will have regard to the way of uprightness : when
Thou shalt come to me, I will walk within my
house with an upright heart !

I will set no wicked thing before my eyes ; I hate
the work of evildoers, it shall not cleave to me.

The perverse in heart shall be far from me ; I will
not know a wicked person.

Whoso slandereth his neighbor in secret, him will I
remove ; him that hath a haughty look and a
proud heart I will not endure.

My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that
they may dwell with me ; he that walketh in
the way of uprightness shall be with me.

He who practiseth deceit shall not dwell in my house ; he who telleth lies shall not remain in my sight.

And I through righteousness shall see thy face, I shall be satisfied with the light of my countenance.

CONDUCT.

XIII. The Lesson of Life.

PSALM 34.

- M.* I will bless the Lord at all times ; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- C.* In the Lord doth my soul boast ; let the afflicted hear, and rejoice !
 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together !
 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from my fears.
 Look up to Him, and ye shall have light ; your faces shall never be ashamed.
 This afflicted man cried, and the Lord heard, and saved him from all his troubles.
 The angels of the Lord encamp around those who fear Him, and deliver them.
 O taste, and see how good is the Lord ! happy the man who trusteth in Him !
 O fear the Lord, ye His servants ! for to those who fear Him there shall be no want.
 Come, ye children, hearken to me ! I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he that loveth life, and desireth many days,
in which he may see good ?

Guard well thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from
speaking guile !

Depart from evil, and do good ; seek peace, and
pursue it !

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and
His ears are open to their cry.

The Lord is near to them that are of a broken heart,
and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous : but the
Lord delivereth him from them all.

The Lord redeemeth the life of His servants, and
none that put their trust in Him will suffer of it.

XIV. The Inward Light.

PSALM 27.

M. The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom
shall I fear ?

C. The Lord is the shield of my life ; of whom shall I
be afraid ?

When the wicked came upon me to devour me,
even my persecutors and enemies, they stum-
bled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart
shall not fear ; though war should rise against
me, yet will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord ; that do I yet
seek ; that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the grace of the Lord, and to gaze upon
His temple.

For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His pavilion ; yea, in the secret place of His tabernacle will He shelter me ; He will set me upon a rock.

Hear my voice, O Lord ! when I cry unto Thee ; have pity upon me, and answer me !

When I think of Thy precept, " Seek ye my face ! " Thy face, Lord, do I seek.

O hide not Thou Thy face from me ; cast not Thy servant away in displeasure !

Thou hast been my help, do not leave me ; do not forsake me, O God, my helper !

For though my father and my mother may forsake me ; but the Lord will take me up.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord ! and lead me in the right path !

I trust that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Hope thou in the Lord ! be of good courage ; let thy heart be strong ; hope thou in the Lord !

XV. Aspiration.

[PSALMS 61 and 63.

M. Hear my cry, O God ! attend to my prayer ! Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

C. For Thou art my refuge, my strong tower against the enemy.

I shall dwell in Thy tabernacle for ever ; I will seek refuge under the covert of Thy wings.

For Thou, O God ! wilt hear my vows, and give me the inheritance of those who fear Thy name.